

# **MINUTES**

## **City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting**

### **July 13, 2009**

### **6:00 p.m.**

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**Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street,  
Carrollton, Georgia**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Wayne Garner, Councilmember Peter Balega, and Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer. Members absent: Councilmember Gerald Byrd. (Ward II Councilmember seat vacant). At this time, Mayor Garner explained the meeting procedures to meeting attendees and noted he would address any citizen's comments after the first item of business.

#### **II. INVOCATION**

City of Carrollton Finance Director/City Clerk Jim Triplett offered the invocation.

#### **III. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Tim Clark of 130 Fairway Drive suggested that City staff consider posting copies of SPLOST checks on the City's website.

#### **IV. MINUTES (June 1, 2009)**

**Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Balega to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion passed (3-0). – Councilmember Byrd absent. (Ward II Councilmember seat vacant).**

#### **V. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

##### **1. Proclamation: John Griffin Day**

A Proclamation was read honoring John Griffin, Manager of Publix Supermarket in Carrollton for his generous donations in store products to churches, clubs, governments, schools, and individuals on numerous occasions. The Proclamation designated *July 28, 2009*, as "**John Griffin Day**".

##### **2. Resolution 05-2009: Honorarily Rename Rome Street and Rome Street Park to Carole Sheats Burson Street and Park**

A Resolution was read honoring Carole Sheats Burson. The late Carole Sheats Burson was an active and vital member of Carrollton's downtown community and was not only involved in the family store, Burson Feed and Seed, but played a significant role in helping build a better community for the families of Carrollton. The Resolution honorarily names Rome Street and Rome Park to Carole Sheats Burson Street and Carole Sheats Burson Park. It was noted this gesture was one of honorary measures and that residents and businesses would still maintain a Rome Street address. **Motion by Councilmember Balega, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to approve Resolution 05-2009 to honorarily Rename Rome Street and Rome Street Park to Carole Sheats Burson Street and Park Motion passed (3-0) – Councilmember Byrd absent. (Ward II Councilmember seat vacant).**

##### **3. Annexation/Rezoning Request: Annex and Rezone from**

**Property Location: 275 Cottage Hill Rd.**

**Petitioner: James Wallis, Jr. on behalf of Tabernacle Church**

A public hearing was held to receive citizen input on a request from petitioner James Wallis, Jr. on behalf of Tabernacle Church to annex and rezone property located at 275 Cottage Hill Road from County to C-2 (General Commercial). PZA Charles Griffin advised that the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the annexation and rezoning request. At this time, Mayor Garner opened the public hearing to receive public input. Those speaking in favor: Petitioner James Wallis spoke of Tabernacle Church's proposal to construct a multi-use open air and enclosed meeting facility to be utilized for church-related activities. A conceptual drawing of the proposed structure was made available. Those speaking opposed: None. At this time, Mayor Garner closed the public hearing and inquired as to the wishes of the Council. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Balega to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to annex and rezone property located at 275 Cottage Hill Road from County to C-2 (General Commercial). Motion passed (3-0) – Councilmember Byrd absent. (Ward II Councilmember seat vacant).**

#### **4. FY 2009-2010 Operations Budget**

CM Coleman reported that at the June 1, 2009 Mayor and Council meeting, a public hearing was held on the proposed FY 2009-2010 Operations Budget. CM Coleman noted that since the last meeting, the City has been contacted by the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) regarding the City's loans on the new water filtration system. CM Coleman advised that GEFA is now offering a grant/loan that staff believes is to the City's advantage. In order to qualify for the grant/loan, the City must adopt an increase in water rates of \$1.83 per month per residential unit this year and next.

CM Coleman stated that the next and final step in the budget process calls for adoption of the proposed operations Budget for FY 2009-2010.

**Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Balega to adopt the FY 09-10 Budget as presented. Motion passed (3-0) – Councilmember Byrd absent. (Ward II Councilmember seat vacant).**

#### **5. Resolution 06-2009: Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority**

CM Coleman stated that as described on the last agenda item, Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) requires that the City adopt Resolution 06-2009 which authorizes an increase in water rates in the FY 09-10 and FY 10-11 Budgets in order to qualify for a GEFA grant/loan. In addition, CM Coleman advised that ACM Grizzard has been working for months with the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) in reference to our loans for the Water Treatment Plant improvements and concerning potential Stimulus Program funds.

ACM Grizzard advised that GEFA's calculations require that the City increase water rates a total of \$400,000 over the next two years. City Management proposes to accomplish this with an increase to the base rate of \$1.83 per month per residential unit. This increase is included in the utility rate sheet which is a part of the final Budget. **Motion by Councilmember Balega, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to adopt Resolution 06-2009 – Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority Loan, to increase water and sewer rates to generate \$400,000 in additional revenues for the duration of the (GEFA) loan. Motion passed (3-0) – Councilmember Byrd absent. (Ward II Councilmember seat vacant).**

#### **6. 2009 Millage Rate**

CM Coleman presented for adoption the proposed 2009 Millage Rate of 4.69 mills. CM Coleman noted that the levy history was published June 27, 2009 in the Times Georgian as required by law. CM Coleman advised that the recommended millage rate for City maintenance and operations for 2009 is 4.69 mills and represents no change from the 2008 millage of 4.69 mills. **Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Balega to adopt the proposed 2009 Millage Rate of 4.69 mills. Motion passed (3-0) – Councilmember Byrd absent. (Ward II Councilmember seat vacant).**

#### **7. Public Safety 800 MHz Radio System**

CM Coleman reminded the Mayor and Council of discussions regarding Carroll County Public Safety replacing the VHF (E911) public safety radio system with an 800MHz system. CM Coleman noted that the changeover is nearing completion and advised that the County has invested several million dollars in this endeavor, which should provide all participating agencies with more reliable communications in every respect. CM Coleman noted that although the cost of the system itself will be borne by Carroll County, there is considerable cost (**\$424,523**) to the City of Carrollton for new equipment because every radio, both mobile (mounted in a police or fire unit) and portable (hand held) must be replaced with a new 800 MHz radio. CM Coleman advised that the City has applied for and been awarded, subject to the Mayor and Council's approval, a grant from the Department of Justice (Edward Bryne Memorial Grant) in the amount of \$ 147,902 to be applied toward the purchase of new radio equipment and staff has also applied for a second grant in the amount of \$36,053 and preliminary indications are favorable that it will also be approved.

CM Coleman advised that it is staff's recommendation that the Mayor and Council consider accepting both grants, apply the proceeds (\$183,000) to the purchase of the public safety radio equipment and utilize 2008 SPLOST funds (\$240,568) to clear the remaining balance.

**Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Balega to authorize CM Coleman to move forward with the purchase of the public safety 800 MHz radio system and accept both applied for grants in the amount of (\$183,000) and apply the proceeds toward the purchase of the radio system and utilize 2008 SPLOST funds in the amount of (\$240,568) to clear the remaining balance. Motion passed (3-0) – Councilmember Byrd absent. (Ward II Councilmember seat vacant).**

#### **8. Depot Update (Dr. Peter Balega)**

At the request of Councilmember Dr. Peter Balega, Kent Brown (Project Architect) provided an update on the Historic Carrollton Depot. Architect Brown advised that negotiations were currently underway to obtain a complete permanent easement agreement with Norfolk Southern Real Estate Division. Mayor Garner advised that it is the Mayor and Council's desire to move forward with the Depot project and inquired as to whether there was anything the City could do to speed up the process. In addition, Mayor Garner suggested that a sign be erected at the Depot stating the progress of the project. Architect Brown noted that the permanent easement agreement should hopefully be completed by Mid-August and is necessary before the City can proceed with any work which impacts the current land lease with Norfolk Southern.

#### **VI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Balega inquired as to whether there were any plans to repair the Croft Street Bridge and noted specifically the nails that were protruding. ACM Grizzard advised that the project will cost approximately \$38,000 in materials and would need to be bid out.

#### **VII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Manager Coleman expressed appreciation to all employees and noted that things have been hard this year with budget cuts and employees have continued to work hard and he appreciated all of them.

#### **VIII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.